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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT**

In re application of: Hutton

Attorney Docket No.: ALTRP061/A637

Application No.: 09/783,246

Examiner: Stevens, Thomas H.

Filed: February 13, 2001

Group: 2123

Title: METHOD FOR ADAPTIVE CRITICAL  
PATH DELAY ESTIMATION DURING  
TIMING-DRIVEN PLACEMENT FOR  
HIERARCHICAL PROGRAMMABLE  
LOGIC DEVICES

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed November 28, 2005 finally rejecting Claims 1-30.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

Appeal Fee:  \$250.00 (Small Entity)  \$500.00 (Large Entity)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply:

Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR

1.17(a)-(d)) for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Months</u>	<u>Large Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one \$120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two \$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three \$1,020.00	\$510.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

of \$  An extension for        month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefor is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Total Fee Due

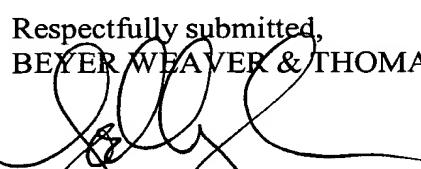
Notice of Appeal Fee	\$500.00
Extension Fee (if any)	\$0
 Total Fee Due	 \$500.000

Enclosed is a Pre-Appeal Brief Request For Review.

Enclosed is Check No. 11624 in the amount of \$500.00.

Charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500388, (Order No. ALTRP061).

Respectfully submitted,  
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